

Jaroslav STECKO (STETSKO) @ KARBOVSKI

Prime Minister of the Ukrainian government on the 30 June 1941
Member of the Directorate of OUN/B
Secretary-General of ABN

He is about 45 years old, cultured and from an intellectual Galician family. He was an important member of the Carpathian and Western section of OUN before the war.

A friend of Bandera, he got his position in the directorate of OUN/B during the split of OUN. At some risk he took over the presidency of the Council of Ministers in LVOV on 30 June 1941, and that same day proclaimed Ukrainian Independence. He continued to play the role of chief of government clandestinely for three months. He revealed excellent qualities as an organizer and improviser. He was arrested by the Gestapo in October 1941, and remained in a concentration camp until the end of 1944. He was liberated at the same time as Bandera and took part in the conversations with the Germans on the one hand and MELNIK, LEVITSKY and SKOROPADSKY on the other. Together with Bandera he contributed to the German failure to create an Ukrainian Central Committee in 1944. In April 1945, he was seriously wounded in a bombing of Germany. He was sick for a very long time and did not take an active part in politics.

The Trilogy charged him with the organization of the ABN and he is now the Secretary General. He has proved very energetic and active in this delicate assignment.

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